

Mod 6 – Ethernet Fundamentals

Full-Duplex



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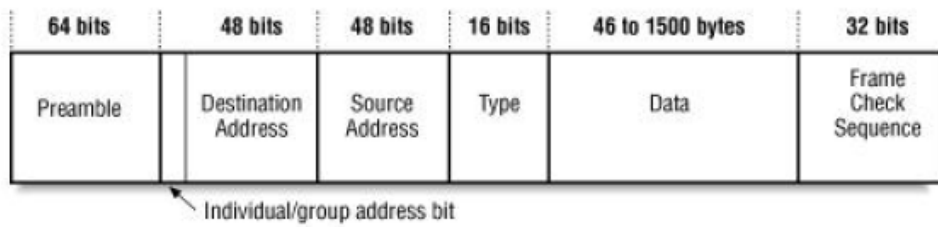
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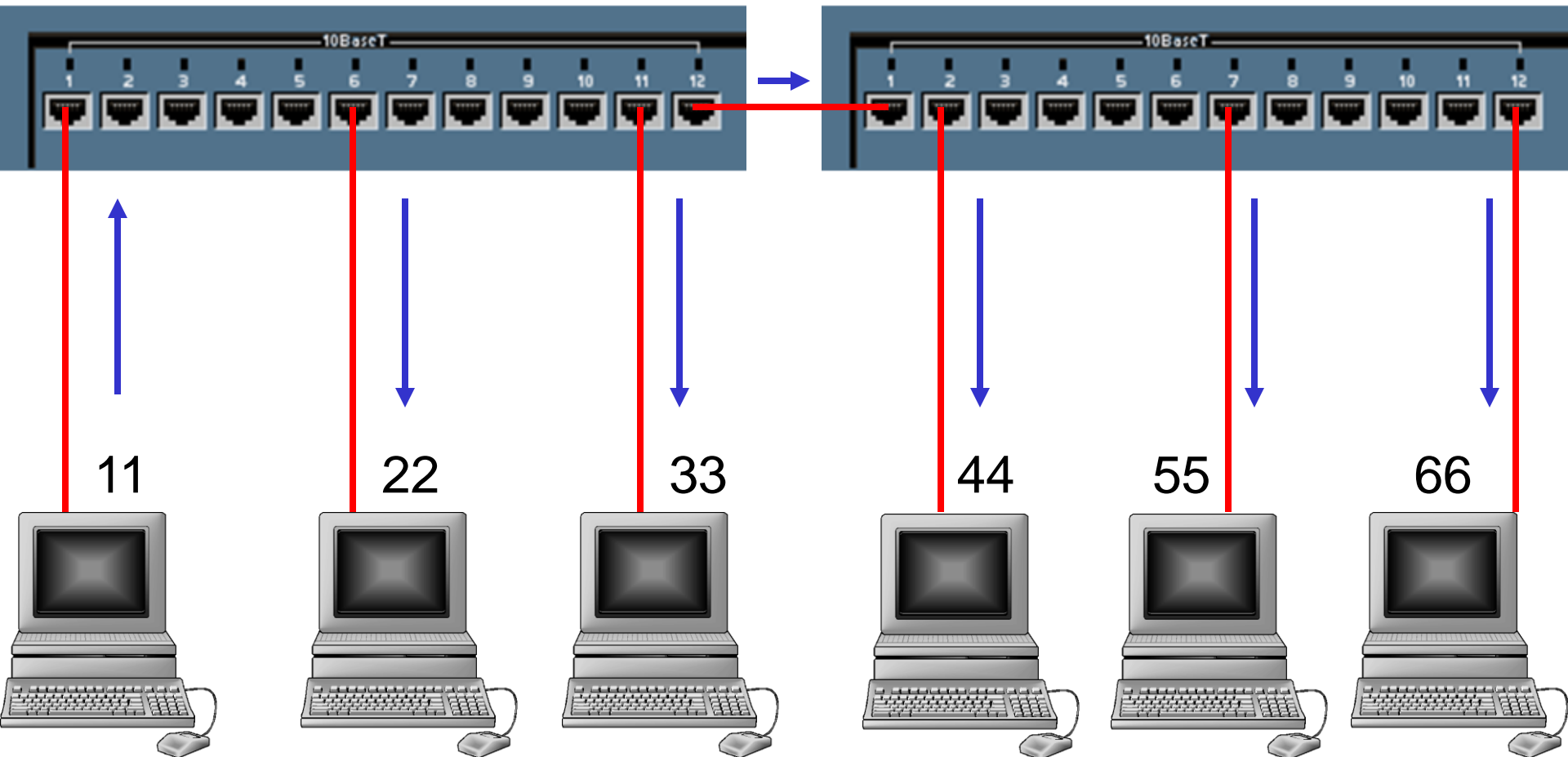
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Half-duplex CSMA/CD

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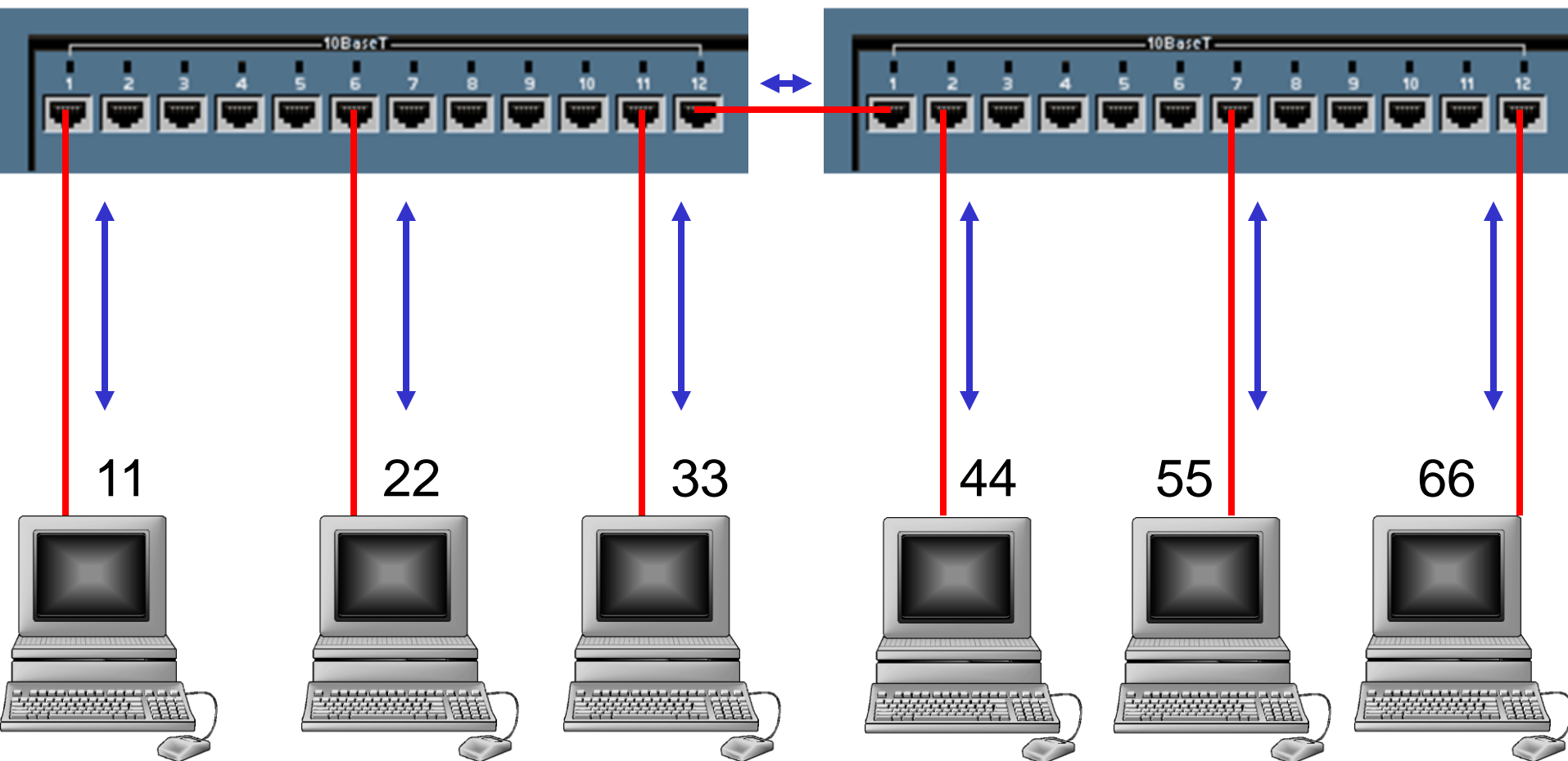


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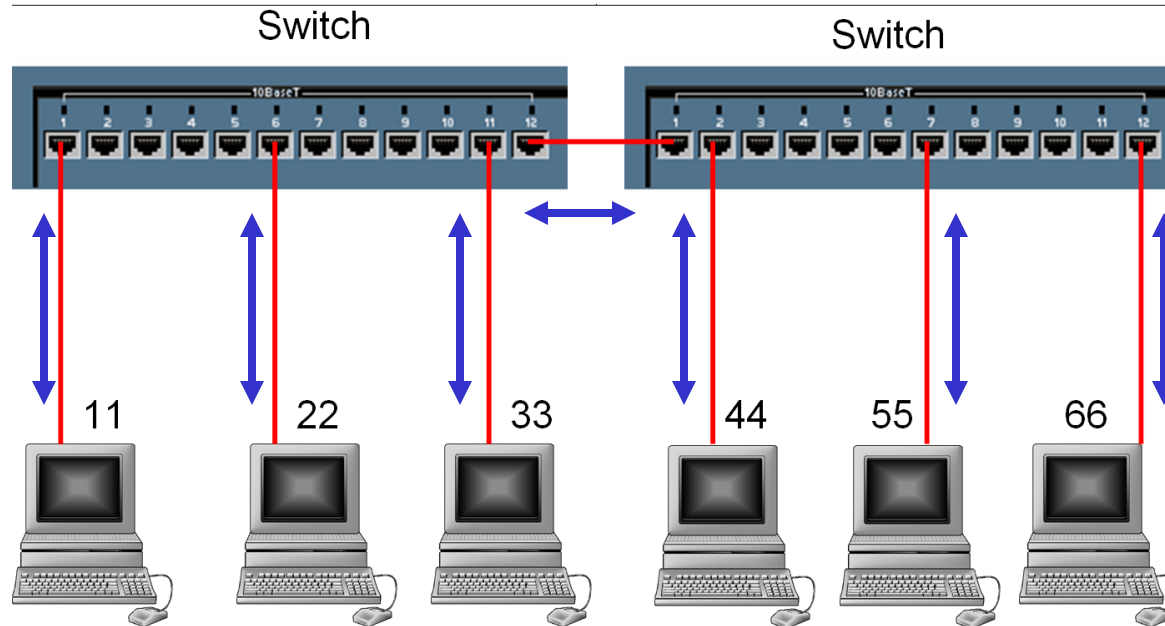
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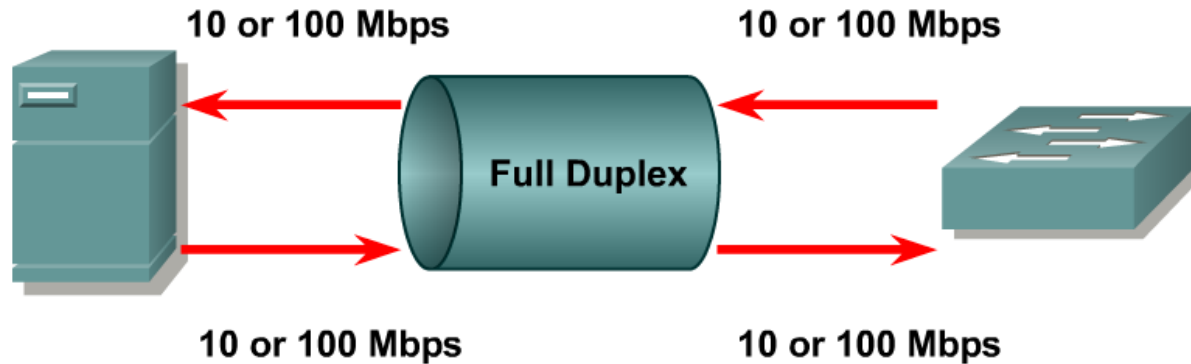


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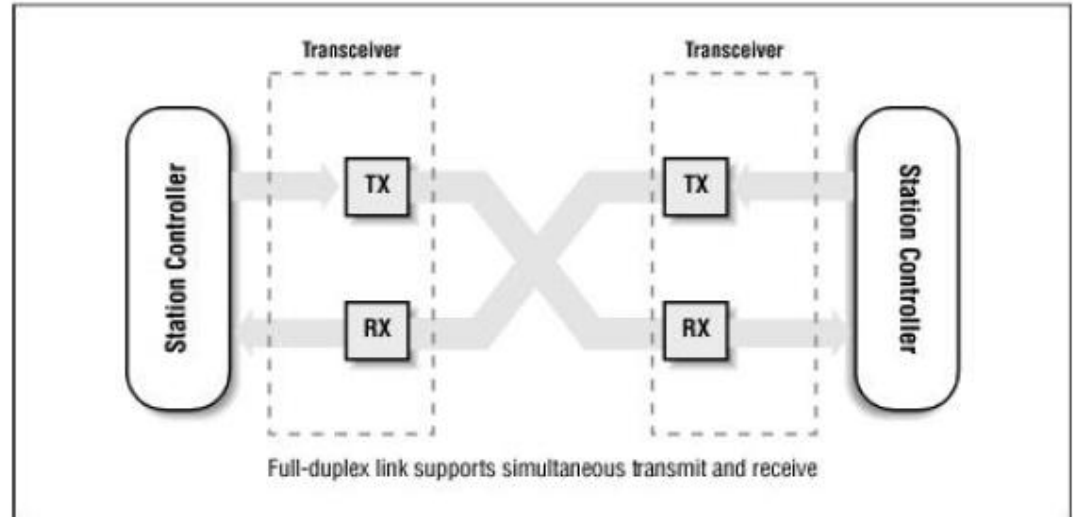
- **Full-duplex** is an optional mode of operation allowing simultaneous communication between a pair of stations or devices.
- Specified in IEEE 802.3x in March 1997

Full-duplex



- Full-duplex Ethernet allows the transmission of a packet and the reception of a different packet at the same time.
- The full-duplex Ethernet switch takes advantage of the two pairs of wires in the cable by creating a direct connection between the transmit (TX) at one end of the circuit and the receive (RX) at the other end.
- **Half Duplex Ethernet** usually can only use **50%-60%** of the available 10 Mbps of bandwidth because of **collisions** and **latency**.
- **Full-duplex Ethernet** offers **100% of the bandwidth in both directions**.
 - 10 Mbps Ethernet: This produces a potential 20 Mbps throughput, which results from 10 Mbps TX and 10 Mbps RX.

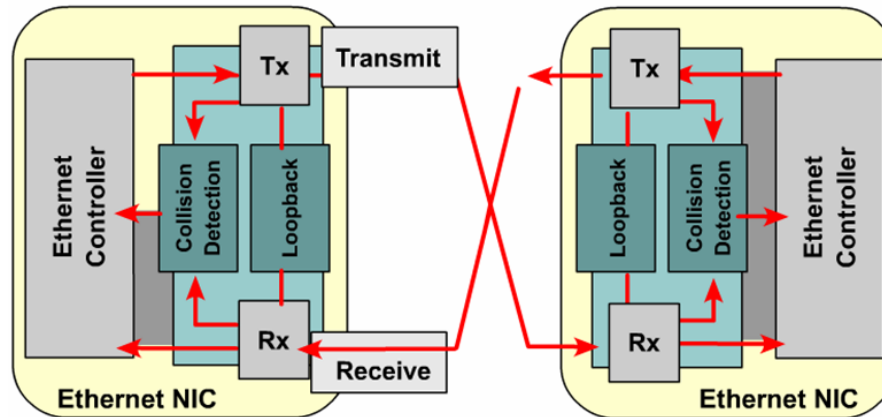
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- **IEEE 802.3x** full-duplex standard requires:
 - The medium must have **independent transmit and receive** data paths that can operate simultaneously.
 - There are **exactly two stations** connected with a full-duplex point-to-point link.
 - There is **no CSMA/CD** multiple access algorithm, since there is no contention for a shared medium.
 - **Both stations** on the LAN are capable of, and have been configured to use, the **full-duplex mode of operation**.
- Ethernet **hubs and repeaters** can only operate in **half-duplex** mode.

Half-duplex Controller

Half-duplex controllers



- With **half-duplex** NICs, a host can only **transmit or receive**.
- If a carrier is detected, then the NIC will not transmit.
- In full-duplex the station ignores the carrier sense and does not defer to traffic being received on the channel.
- In full-duplex, the station ignores any collision detect signals that come from the transceiver.
- Ethernet hubs and repeaters can only operate in half-duplex mode.

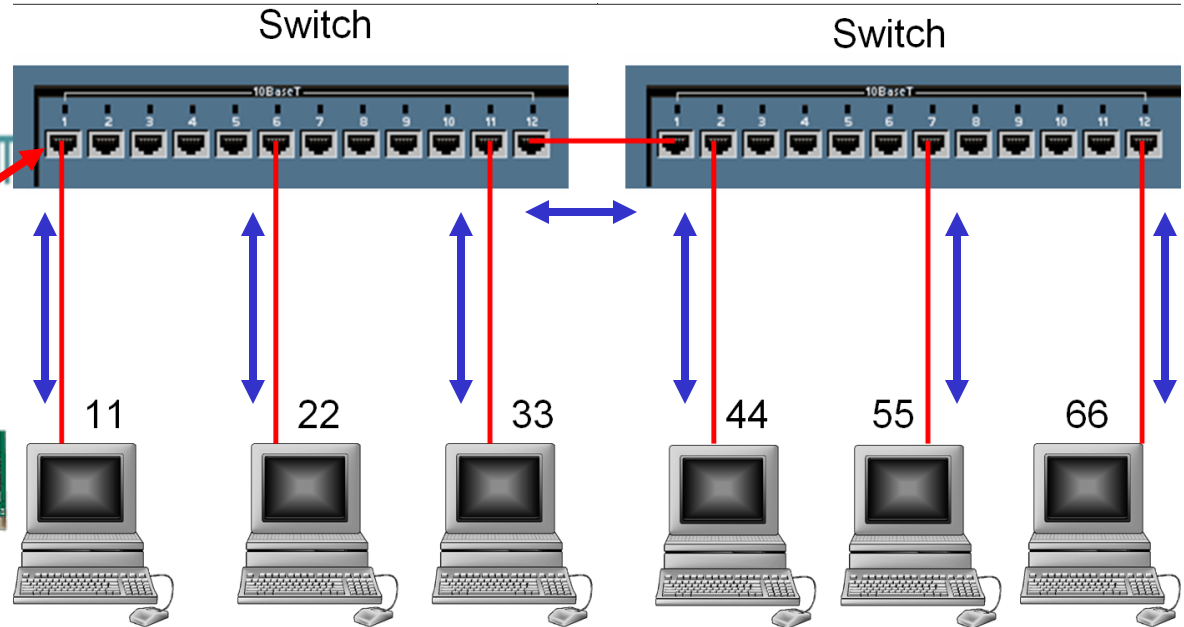
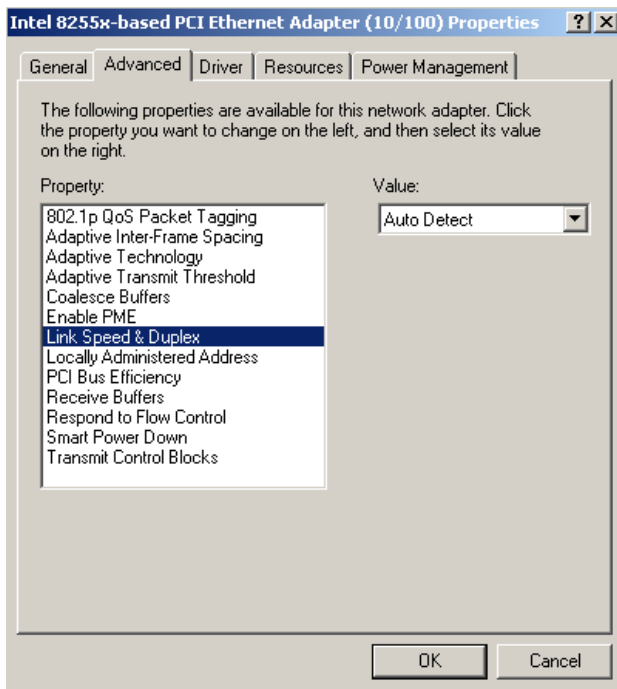
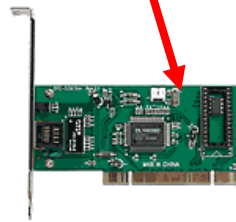
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- Both half-duplex and full-duplex Ethernet uses an interframe gap (IFG).
- Full-duplex uses the IFG to ensure that the interfaces at each end of the link can keep up with the full frame rate of the link.
- **CSMA/CD not used in full-duplex Ethernet:**
 - **No CS (Carrier Sense)** – In full-duplex the station ignores carrier sense since it can *send whenever it likes*.
 - **No MA (Multiple Access)** – Since there is *only one station at the other end of the link* and the Ethernet channel between them is not the subject of access contention.
 - **No CD (Collision Detect)** – Since there is *no access contention*, there will be no collisions, and station can ignore CD.

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- There are **exactly two stations** connected with a full-duplex point-to-point link.
- **Both stations** on the LAN are capable of, and have been configured to use, the **full-duplex mode of operation**.
- Typically:
 - Host-to-Switch
 - Switch-to-Switch
 - Switch-to-Router

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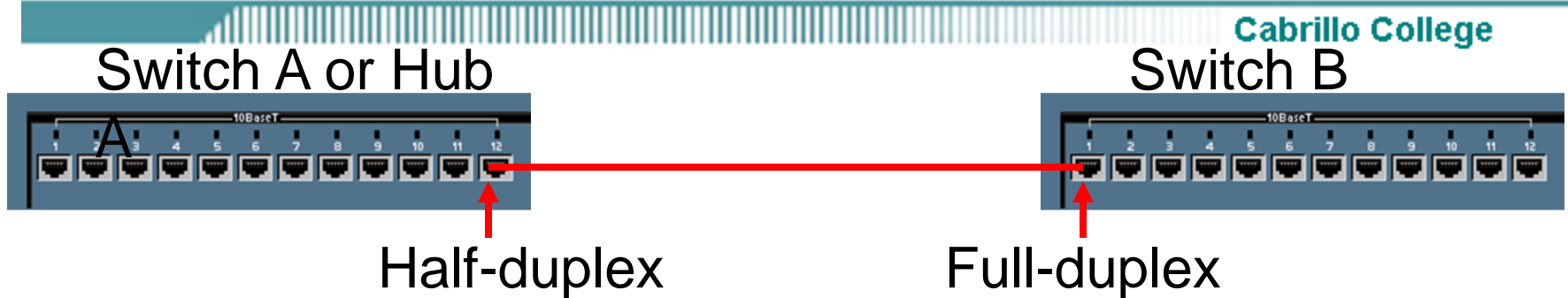
- **Auto-negotiation** is an optional function of the *IEEE 802.3u Fast Ethernet standard* that enables devices to automatically exchange information over a link about speed and duplex abilities.
- Auto-negotiation is targeted at ports which are allocated to areas where transient users or devices connect to a network.
 - For example, many companies provide shared offices or cubes for Account Managers and System Engineers to use when they are in the office rather than on the road.
 - Each office or cube will have an Ethernet port permanently connected to the office's network.
- Because it may not be possible to ensure that every user has either a 10Mb, a 100Mb Ethernet, or a 10/100Mb card in their laptop, the switch ports that handle these connections must be able to **negotiate their speed and duplex mode**.
- The **alternative** would be to provide both a 10Mb and a 100Mb port in each office or cube and label them accordingly.

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- **One of the most common causes of performance issues** on 10/100Mb Ethernet links is when one port on the link is operating at half-duplex while the other port is operating at full-duplex.
 - This occasionally happens when one or both ports on a link are reset and the auto-negotiation process doesn't result in both link partners having the same configuration.
 - It also happens when users reconfigure one side of a link and forget to reconfigure the other side.
- Both sides of a link should have auto-negotiation on, **or** both sides should have it off.
- Our **current recommendation** is to leave auto-negotiation on for those devices compliant with 802.3u.
- Many performance-related support calls will be avoided by correctly configuring auto-negotiation.

Half-duplex, Full-duplex Issue



- Switch A, the half-duplex end will sense a neutral carrier and send frames
- Switch B, the full-duplex end, senses the non-neutral carrier and since it doesn't care because it is configured as full-duplex, it transmits anyways.
- Switch A senses a collision (the half-duplex side) and stops sending the frame.
- Switch B (the full-duplex side) doesn't care and keeps on sending frames.
- Data ends up being transmitted only one-way most of the time, with collisions constantly happening on Switch A, causing performance issues on the network. (Remember, most network communications is bi-directional).
- This is also a common cause for **late collisions** (a collision that occurs after the first 512 bits (slot time) have been sent and the sender believes it has acquired the channel).

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